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British competition, the competition of his  
own countrymen at home forced into existence  
by the system itself, not from their own  
succession in the colonies. While the  
countrymen in a corresponding degree the pos-  
sibility of getting supplies from abroad when  
at home.

Notwithstanding all the Enclosure Acts and  
the corn laws to boot, not less than 812,000  
quarters of wheat were raised in 1815; 1,000,  
quarters of wheat in 1825; in 1829, 1,364,000  
quarters; in 1830, 1,702,000 quarters; and in  
1831, 1,791,000 quarters.

From 1815 to 1831 (not included), a period  
20 years before the passing of the 40 much  
wheat in corn law, the mean average price of  
wheat in England was 2s. 2d. and 2s. 4d. per  
quarter. In the period of 20 years after 1815 it  
was 3s. 2s. 7d. 1s.

Now, what do these facts prove? Why, to  
all eyes, that the restriction is not doing any  
benefit or prejudice, they prove as plainly  
as it is possible, that corn laws do not insure  
us (God forbid!) against the possibility of  
famine at home, nor protect the agriculturist  
from the fall in price consequent on both  
the restriction and the importation.

Mr. Berry has attempted to show that Lord  
Ashburton's change of opinion on this subject  
was a mere concession to the feelings of the  
country, reading the language of (that individual  
in the House of Commons in 1815, and re-  
membering that the year 1815, the year of the  
restriction, had been the year when in 1815  
in the same House to advocate the con-  
tinuance of the restriction, he had become  
the champion of free trade.

It may be ended with a pretty considerable  
power of credulity.

"All that had been advanced," said Mr.  
Berry, in 1815, at this point was a mere exhortation  
for keeping up high rents. It was impossible  
for any evidence to show more clearly than the  
fact of the restriction, that the country was  
artificially supported of the agriculture of the  
country which had been called for would be  
impossible. It was impossible to show that  
the country could ever be made to furnish a per-  
manent supply equal to the consumption of  
its increasing population. As to the danger  
of the restriction, it was a matter of course  
that, during the reign of Buonaparte, in  
the midst of the greatest hostility, more corn  
was imported into Holland than in any other  
year, and had been before. Experience had shown  
that a country could never be starved.  
Holland was dependent on foreign supply,  
and it was a matter of course, and almost  
undeniable, that the average price of Europe."  
These observations were made on evidence  
of the fact that in 1815, the year when the  
restriction was taken since to justify so marked a  
conversion? *No. Enquiry into the working and  
practical effects of the restriction.* And by whom? By those  
who were profiting by them, the landlords. Twenty  
five millions of people were living in the  
midst of the greatest hostility, and the great  
importations for eighteen millions; and yet  
the class which voted for the monopoly.  
The restriction was a matter of course, and  
was enjoyed—in the midst of the dearth of  
the other creating—"bread enough and to  
spare," not for their personal sustenance only,  
but for the support of the country, the support  
of numerous non-productive establishments,  
consisting of all creatures or things  
that were not necessary to the support of  
luxury or their vanity:—"this very class  
of people," added with insinuation, to the petitions  
of Mr. Berry, who called on the colonists to reject  
all candidates for their suffrages who will not  
swear to advocate protective duties! With  
this evidence, and this insinuation, and then,  
then, I bid them beware how they intrust  
the affairs of the colony to the "tender mercies  
of the market." The restriction was a matter  
of course, and was enjoyed—in the words of  
Robin Goodfellow, "that even the sword  
should be thrown into the scale to make it  
preponderate in favour of these im-  
mortal institutions." The restriction may  
have a still later edition than the one  
mentioned above of the insolent Gaul's "Vae  
vobis."

God forbid that the old and stupid prej-  
udices against other nations, and the jealousy  
of their property, which the protectionists  
are so anxious to revive, should be the basis  
of the commercial policy of this colony!

These such narrow and malignant regula-  
tions must be removed, and the colony must  
rely on the Jealousy of Trade, "I should  
reduce all our neighbouring nations to the  
same condition as the colonies of Spain, Italy,  
in Morocco and the Coast of Barbary. But  
what would be the consequence? They could  
send us no commodities, and we could not  
send them any. The domestic commerce here  
would languish for want of emulation, ex-  
ample, and instruction; and we ourselves should  
lose the benefit of the competition of the  
other nations. The colony would be a  
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by the restriction. While foreign labour was  
the flourishing commerce of Germany, Spain,  
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Indians, our Colonists, our Colonists, our  
Berry, our Ryan Brenans, our Nicholases, &c.,  
are disputing about these things, or struggling  
for the repeal of the restriction, the colony  
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stopped, taxation to the amount of about  
£250,000 a year for police and gaols, and  
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I am, Gentlemen,  
your obedient servant,  
J. M. RENNIE.

June 5, 1818.

LABOUR.

To the Editors of the Sydney Morning Herald.

GENTLEMEN,—If we look at the pastoral  
resources of this colony, we see at once that  
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**TEA!!! TEA!!!**  
AND UP COUNTRY SETTLEMENTS,  
the Stores of the undersigned,  
rich Choys superior Hysonskin  
blend, at 35s. per single chest,  
North Sea Warehouse, Lower  
duty. 3091

The Stores of the undersigned,  
very superior Teas as Dawson,  
Teas and half chests  
in house  
Terms at sale. 7758

**AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS,  
JACANS, AND OTHERS.**  
**MUEL LYONS will sell by auction,**  
Mari, corner of George street and  
cor., THIS DAY, the 9th instant  
lock,  
brandy (ex Mary Catherine)  
tea tobacco (ex Black Dog)  
sherry (three dozen each)  
(ditto), very superior  
Port wine, three dozen each, very  
fine and fifty dozen (say or less)  
ale and porter, in three and four  
ages.  
Terms at sale. 7761

**PRIOR DENNETT GIG.**  
**MUEL LYONS will sell by auction,**  
Mari, corner of George street and  
cor., on FRIDAY, the 9th instant,  
prior patent Dennett Gig, built by  
Thompson & Co., of George-  
town, black, picked with pine, lined  
with venetian cord, and claret co-  
leather, and in every respect a  
light, and highly finished Gig,  
proved a total great good judges  
adapted for this colony.  
Terms at sale. 7819

**REMAKERS AND OTHERS.**  
**H.E.M.P.**  
OF WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,  
**MUEL LYONS will sell by auction,**  
Stores of Messrs Griffiths, Gore,  
Spring street, on FRIDAY, the 9th  
even o'clock, and immediately  
of damaged Tea.  
Messrs Hump, slightly damaged.  
Terms at Se'e 7763

**SOLVENT ESTATE OF R.  
G. DUNLOP.**  
OF Council, & Victoria, No. 17.)  
ORDER OF THE TRUSTEES.  
**MUEL LYONS will sell by auction,**  
his Mari, corner of George street,  
place, on SATURDAY, the 10th  
even o'clock,  
ometer, by James Hutton, London  
cart, & dozen each  
very, 1 dozen.  
Terms at Sale.  
H.A. SMITH  
F. MITCHELL Trustees.  
W. MACNAB

**SNUG COTTAGE.**  
**MUEL LYONS will sell by auction,**  
Mari, corner of George-street and  
cor., on MONDAY, the 12th instants  
clock,  
cottage, situate near Mr. J. T.  
ewery and the valuable property of  
at present in the occupation of  
it, and let at the low rental of 18s.  
each, containing four rooms; the  
sill of brick, and plastered inside  
whole being finished in a work-  
manly situation and elevation of the  
be inspected at the Mart or the  
Terms at sale. 7764

**H O R S E S .**  
**METHUEN Veterinary Surgeon,**  
his Sales by Auction at his Respi-  
tive o'clock EVERY THURSDAY  
7659

**NOTICE.**  
**METHUEN will hold his Sale of**  
or, by Auction, THIS DAY, at the  
Respiroitor, at the Castle Market,  
Respiroitor as usual,  
will bring to the hammer, Seven  
ad Colts, and two Fillies, over 4  
commence at Twelve o'clock. 7653

**ANT SALE OF IMPORTED  
FURNITURE.**  
**CLOSE CONSIGNMENTS.**  
WITHOUT RESERVE.  
**WHITE AND DAVY are in-  
tended to sell by auction,**  
over George-street, on WEDNES-  
day instant, at Eleven o'clock pre-  
and extensive selection of elegant  
furniture, comprising—  
beds of drawers  
chairs  
tables  
resculptures  
carved seats  
spring-seat  
loose cushions  
chairs  
and chairs, in cases one dozen each  
lotto.  
Terms, cash.  
D. respectfully call the attention  
parties furnishing, and others, to  
Sale, which will be positively with-  
stated reserve. 7757

**STATIONERS AND OTHERS.**  
**WHITE AND DAVY will sell by**  
at their Rooms, Lower George-  
FRIDAY EVENING next, 9th in-  
stant six o'clock precisely,  
superior stationery, consisting of—  
no wave post  
plain ditto  
ditto ditto, black edges  
and wave footscap, &c., &c.  
Terms—Cash. 7795

**LIVE SALE OF BOOKS, &c.**  
**WHITE AND DAVY will sell by**  
idea, at their rooms, Lower George-  
FRIDAY evening next, 9th instant,  
six o'clock precisely,  
y of a gentleman, consisting of a  
collection of standard and scarce  
works which will be found—  
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of London, 170 coloured plates  
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CONSUMMUM VITAE  
of Hygeia, Scott, Meigs, Goldsmith,  
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mistry of standard and practical  
on numerous fine engravings.  
on the science of medicine, and will be  
delivery on Thursday morning, when



